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# Eagles Return To Their Nest To Host ULM

*Game set for 6 pm Saturday at Paulson*



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The Georgia Southern football squad returns home to Allen E. Paulson Stadium to take on UL Monroe on Saturday, Sept. 17 in Statesboro. Here's all you need to know about the game:

**Game 3: Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 • 6 PM**

**Location: Statesboro, Ga. (Paulson Stadium; 25,000)**

## Broadcast Information

**Online:** ESPN3/Watch ESPN

**PBP:** Matt Stewart; **Analyst:** Stan Lewter

**Radio:** Georgia Southern Sports Network

**PBP:** [Danny Reed](#); **Analyst:** Terry Harvin; **Sidelines:** Russ Brown

**GS:** [GAME NOTES \(PDF\)](#)

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### **The Series**

- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series with UL Monroe 4-2 although the 22-16 win in 2014 at Paulson Stadium to clinch the outright Sun Belt Conference title was vacated due to NCAA sanctions.
- Last year, the Eagles scored three touchdowns late to pull away and win 51-31.
- Before last season, each team had won its games at home with ULM upsetting the then top-ranked Eagles 21-13 at Malone Stadium in 1991. The two teams met in back-to-back years in 1987 and 1988 and then in 1990 and 1991 with Georgia Southern winning two straight in the series with wins at Paulson Stadium in 1988 and 1990.

### **Against the Sun Belt**

- GS has played 17 Sun Belt games as it plays its third season in the conference. The Eagles are 16-2 in conference games, although the 2014 win over ULM was vacated due to NCAA violations to make GS officially 14-2 in SBC games.

### **Georgia on Our Minds**

- Saturday's home contest against UL Monroe is the second of seven games in the state of Georgia for the Eagles.
- Two weeks ago, GS blanked Savannah State 54-0 in the season opener. Georgia Southern will take on Georgia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium in October and will have a Thursday night home TV game against Appalachian State on Oct. 27.
- The Eagles will finish the season with three straight games in the Peach State, welcoming UL Lafayette to town for a Thursday night ESPNU game on Nov. 10 and then will head to the Georgia Dome to play Georgia State on Nov. 19, playing in Atlanta for the second time this season. Georgia Southern's season finale, against Troy, is set for Dec. 3.

### **Defense On Quite a Hot Streak**

- The last touchdown given up by the Georgia Southern defense was late in the first half of the 2015 GoDaddy Bowl, 10 full quarters ago and 1:50:36 of game clock over a span of 28 drives. It's the first time with two straight games with no touchdowns allowed since November of 2002.

- The Eagles have yielded just nine points though two games. This is the best mark amongst FBS teams who've played both weeks.
- This ties GS's best defensive start since 1993 when they also gave up just nine points in its opening two games against Savannah State and The Citadel. It's the best start since 1984 when the Eagles gave up six points in their first two games.
- Georgia Southern is the only team in the country to play two games and not give up a TD.

### **Hall of Fame Weekend**

- Seven new members will be inducted into the Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of Fame this weekend and the Class of 2016 will be acknowledged during halftime of Saturday's contest against ULM. This year's class features three student-athletes, a coach and two supporters of GS Athletics.
- These seven inductees will bring the total number of former student athletes, coaches, supporters and administrators in the GS Athletic Hall of Fame to 147.
- Those being honored this weekend are former volleyball coach Kerry Messersmith, long-time supporters Wanda Parrish and Mike Cummings, men's golf player Aron Price, men's basketball player Julius Jenkins, football player Voncellies Allen and dual-sport athlete Debbie Hensley.

### **All-Sports Reunion & Night of Champions**

- Over 300 athletic alumni are expected to be in town for the GATA Club's fourth annual All-Sports Reunion and Night of Champions. All former Georgia Southern University student-athletes, coaches, managers and athletic trainers were invited to attend.
- As part of the Night of Champions, eight teams will celebrate either the 10th, 20th or 30th anniversary of their championship win. Men's basketball (10 years), men's golf (10 years), softball (10 and 20 years), women's tennis (20 years) and baseball (20 years) will be recognized for their Southern Conference Championship. Baseball (30 years) will also be applauded for their Trans America Athletic Conference Championship and football (30 years) for their NCAA National Championship.

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